

Mayor David Anderson called the regularly scheduled council meeting of October 21, 2014 to order at 7:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were Mayor Anderson, Council Members Ron Smith, Connie Wells, and Tom Mayo, Clerk Kris Larson, City Administrator Stephen Boorman, City Attorney Andrakay Pluid, Economic Development Coordinator David Sims. Also present were Ron Frederickson, Marcia Cossette, Ruth Sutton, Dale Simpson, Adam Arthur, Jessica Tingley, Doug Ladely, Jerry Higgs, Bob Spalding, Dave Gray, and Jillian Sutherland. Council President Rick Alonzo was gone on personal business.

Jerry Higgs spoke regarding the Frontier phone directory. He said it has only yellow pages and no residential white pages. They are available online and will be sent if a request is made. He said there are only about seven white pages of Bonners Ferry phone listings. Jerry said the city has been told and signed on the County dispatch agreement as part of the cost is based on the reverse listings for 911. He queried why a business person would advertise in the yellow pages when it is not in the same phone book as the white pages. Jerry also expressed concern about emergency situations and the difficulty of reaching people. Jerry asked if the city council is interested in meeting with the executive director of Frontier. Mayor Anderson said he will agendaize this topic at the next meeting with the County and Moyie.

Carolyn Testa and Robert Hanover joined the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Stephen Boorman gave the administrator report. He said the police chief and fire chief are out on medical issues. There is an AIC meeting in Coeur d'Alene on October 29, 2014. Stephen explained that Community Development Block Grants are for low to moderate income communities and the City of Bonners Ferry is slightly above that according to the Census. Nancy Mabile is completing an income survey of our community to see if we will qualify. He said in the past when we applied for a block grant we applied for the engineering and construction oversight portion of the project so the federal rules and reporting did not apply to the construction portion of the project. However, the engineering portion may already be done by the time the block grant application is made so we may be facing the federal rules and requirements on the tank construction. Mike Kelly has been working on the waterlines on Bonner Street and Gem and Comanche Streets and the work is scheduled to be done by the end of the week. The concrete work was done on the retaining wall at the power plant but there is still a leak. We will have to look at this issue again. Ron Smith inquired about the block grant that Stephen spoke of. Stephen explained the process for applying for a block grant and said the engineering portion of the water tank project will probably be done ahead of time. Ron clarified about the funding of this. Stephen said it will be out of the water fund or else we could borrow from the electric fund. He said the council will look at the grant application before it is approved.

David Sims said the Gem Grant for the Library was approved. He said the Gem Grant was for \$35,000 and the Library has \$35,000 from USDA so the FAB Lab is a go. This will be the first FAB Lab within quite a few miles. He is also working with Avista to get funding to help with the Library's heating system.

David said we have been working with New Mobility West on the review of our Highway 95 issues. He said there have been many community members working on this. The District Engineer from ITD was here today. He invited folks to come to the visitor center tomorrow at noon for the final presentation. David introduced Jillian Sutherland to the group. Jillian works for the Sonoran Institute and they administer the New Mobility West program to help communities with transportation issues and economic development. Jillian said at noon tomorrow the findings and recommendations will be given. A report will be issued by early December along with a video for review. She said the community is very forward thinking and appreciated the buy in of the public. Connie Wells said the city has been very impressed

with her and New Mobility West. Ron Smith said he is very supportive of the project but is unable to attend the meetings as he is working at Valley View until the afternoons.

Jillian and David left the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

Connie Wells moved to approve the consent agenda. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. The consent agenda contained the following: roll call; approval of accounts payable and payroll; and approval of October 9, 2014 council meeting minutes.

Tom Mayo moved to have the third reading of the ordinance prohibiting parking in a fire lane by title only. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. Andrakay read the title of the ordinance.

Connie Wells moved to adopt Ordinance 543 prohibiting parking in a designated fire lane. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Connie Wells moved to have the second reading by title only of the amendment of City Code Title 2, Chapter 1. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. Andrakay read the title of the ordinance.

Mayor Anderson said the Turkey Trot is a great event to raise money and food for the food bank. Ron Smith moved to approve the special event permit for Carolyn Testa for the Turkey Trot on November 27, 2014. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Tom Mayo moved to promote Dave Winey to Lieutenant for the Fire Department. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Replacement of the sidewalks on Bonner Street was discussed. Connie said the price seems a bit high and asked why. Stephen said it is due to the amount of concrete and the handicap ramps. Ron Smith moved to approve the contract with BR Concrete for sidewalks. Tom seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

The thermal lay and dump truck were discussed. Stephen said the thermal lay is a truck that keeps the asphalt heated until it can be used. The group discussed the condition of vehicles at the State auctions. Ron Smith asked if the equipment has been reviewed. Stephen said we won’t be able to look at the equipment until the auction date. Stephen explained the auction workings. He said a person puts in their name for the equipment they are interested in and then names are drawn. Sometimes we will be selected and sometimes we will not. Tom Mayo moved to authorize the expenditure at the State auction for the thermal lay and dump truck. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Stephen said the garbage contract with Frederickson’s B.F. Garbage replaces both the garbage pickup contract and the recycling contract. Ron Frederickson said the recycling has been a success. Tom asked why an increase. Ron Frederickson said because costs are increasing. Tom asked how recycling is going. Ron Frederickson said there is over a 50 percent participation. Tom asked if the recycling is picking up if Ron can make his routes shorter and more efficient. Ron Frederickson said it is not feasible to consolidate the recycling and trash pickup on the same days. Tom asked what outside city limit fees are for garbage pickup. Ron Frederickson said they are going to \$15. Tom asked about the commercial rates in town. Ron Frederickson said the commercial accounts take care of themselves and they get an increase

for requests for bigger dumpsters. They have more volume so it pays for itself. Ron Frederickson said his father set commercial rates quite high in the past rather than increase residential increases. Tom said he has an interesting and unique business module. He spoke of the billing and customer base that is automatic. Tom said there is no debt collection and there is no overhead for this. Tom spoke of fuel costs declining and said the garbage increase is an addition to the customers and he is concerned because the customers are about to get hit with rate increases for water and sewer. Tom is also concerned about the monopoly on commercial garbage requested and does not think the city should be involved in setting a monopoly. Connie is not sure about the annual increases in the contract. Ron Frederickson said that is in the contract if negotiation is not done. Ron Smith spoke about the volume for recycling and asked if it is not a requirement for city residents to recycle. Tom Mayo explained the reasoning for the recycle program. Ron Smith did not like Tom's comment about the big rate increase for water and sewer. Ron Smith asked if it is legal to have the clause about the 3.5 percent increase unless there was negotiations. Andrakay said it is legal. Ron Frederickson said 3.5 percent is about 40 cents. He also said the fuel prices have decreased a little bit but his business is dependable. He spoke of the tire costs and maintenance costs. He also said his business shows up timely and does a good job.

Connie Wells asked what happens to the recyclables. Ron Frederickson said he takes them to the landfill and the County pays to have them taken away. Connie asked how the landfill is doing. Ron Frederickson said the County is at 12.5 tons per day so it is below the daily maximum. Ron Frederickson is not sure of the amount of his recyclables taken to the landfill as he has not weighed them this year. Tom Mayo said he will support the 50 cent bump but does not like the automatic increases in the contract, and he would like the commercial business portion removed. Ron Frederickson said the commercial and residential is all needed to keep his business viable. He said if a commercial hauler were to come in he would like to see them have to have a permit. Stephen and Andrakay said there is not an ordinance dictating these permits. Tom asked about business licenses. Andrakay said business licenses do not regulate and we would have to create an ordinance for this. Ron Frederickson spoke of competition he had in the County and his business purchasing the competing business and the costs he had to incur to get the equipment up to standards. Mayor Anderson does not mind having the exclusiveness for commercial in the contract and explained why. He does not like the automatic rate increases. Tom said we have not had the exclusivity for commercial in the past because we discussed regulating by ordinance. Mayor Anderson does not mind taking the commercial business exclusiveness out of the contract if we write an ordinance requiring competition to meet the requirements and standards like Frederickson's do. Connie asked if we should monitor this as other businesses are not required to do this. Tom explained that we should protect our citizens. Ron Smith would like to have something in place to guarantee the competition would meet standards. Tom said we are not taking anything out as the former contract did not have the commercial exclusion, but it is in the draft contract. Tom Mayo moved to make the change in the draft contract to reflect a 50 cent increase, exclude annual increases, and exclude the clause for exclusiveness for commercial businesses in town. Connie Wells seconded the motion. Andrakay explained that we do not have an ordinance in place to exclude pickup of garbage for commercial businesses by another business. Ron Frederickson said people can still haul their own garbage if they choose to but the commercial exclusiveness was in there for protection of his business. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. Stephen Boorman said he gets almost no complaints from the residents and that is good knowing how often Ron is at their residences.

The software program for business licenses was discussed. Kris Larson told council that we used to have one-time business licenses unless the ownership or location changed. Now that we have business license renewal fees we need a system to track those licenses, issue reminder letters, and run reports. The business license module through Black Mountain Software would accomplish this and works with our

accounting and cash receipting programs. Connie asked what we are currently using. It is an excel spreadsheet but it is difficult to manage follow up procedures. Ron Smith moved to purchase the business license program module. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

The flower baskets were discussed for fiscal year 2015. Ron Smith asked if all the vendors were given the opportunity to reduce their prices based on re-use of the hangers. Kris was not sure. Connie Wells moved to purchase the flower baskets from Moose Valley Farms. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Computer Arts contract for additional hours for computer services for the month of October was discussed. Stephen said the price break is at 50 hours so the contract is for 51 hours. Connie Wells moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with Computer Arts for hours of service. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Water usage was discussed. Stephen explained the spreadsheet he developed for council’s review. The spreadsheet is for usages of 1000 cubic feet, 1200 cubic feet, and 1500 cubic feet. Connie asked if the 1500 cubic feet would change the treatment capacity of the plant. Stephen said conservation is real and some of it is irrelevant to rates. He gave examples of energy saving items and said more people are cognizant of their water usage. Ron Smith said he shuts his sprinkler system off if rain is predicted and also said his usage has changed as he waters half of the lawn one day and the other half the next. Stephen said if people were cognizant of their water usage on their sprinkler systems like Ron it would conserve more but most people are not. Mayor Anderson said we raised the base usage from 1000 cubic feet to 1200 cubic feet and according to the spreadsheet he does not see the need to raise the amount of cubic feet for the base rate. Stephen said it takes a pretty significant price to get people change their usage habits.

The council does not want to change the water usage for the base rate, they will leave it at 1200 cubic feet for residential customers.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

David K. Anderson, Mayor

Attest:

Kris Larson, City Clerk